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Jury finds Sons 'Not Guilty' on both counts

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

"Not guilty."

It was the two words Woodie Sons, Jr. has been saying all along. It was the two words he and his family have waited to hear.

It also was two words that the family of Charles "Chuck" Maggard did not want to hear.

Sons, the former owner of the Universal Fitness Center, was found not guilty by a Powell County jury last Thursday.

Sons had been accused in the brutal beating and stabbing death of Maggard. Maggard's body was discovered by his mother, Carol Maggard on the morning of Dec. 14, 2010. Sons was also charged with first degree robbery.

Despite the police having an alleged eyewitness, the jury believed the defense's theory of too many doubts in the case. The defense was able to seemingly punch holes in the notion that Sons was the killer based on the fact that the evidence did not match up with that theory. The jury listened to two and a half days of testimony and deliberated for just over an hour before rendering the verdict.

State police crime lab reports indicated that there was a DNA profile on a tissue found in the back seat of Sons' car which matched a profile on a toboggan found near Maggard's body. Sons had told police when he was interviewed after his arrest, when asked if he was missing anything, that he had a cap missing.

However, the profile was just based on alleles found on the tissue and the cap. According to sciencedaily.com and biology-online.org an allele is a viable DNA coding that occupies a given position on a chromosome. It can control things like eye color. However, it is not as definitive as DNA samples that can match up to one particular person.

Times Photo by James Cook
Woody Sons discusses the case with one of his attorneys, Miranda Stevens, during a break in the trial last Wednesday. After spending 14 months in jail and going through a four day trial, Sons was found not guilty in the murder of Charles "Chuck" Maggard.

Based on the testimony of state lab employee Shannon Phelps, the profile was a mixture of other alleles and could match one in 59 people. Defense expert witness, Shanin Lodhy, a former state lab employee who has her own business, that meant a county of Powell's size could have as many as 100 to 200 possible people that matched the profile in the mixture. Neither one could say for sure if Sons was or was not the person who the cap belonged to.

Lohdy did agree with all of Phelps findings with exception to the wording about the toboggan.

Powell Commonwealth Attorney Darrell Herald did get Lohdy to admit that she never conducted any testing of her own. Lohdy considered reading reports and reviewing pictures, videos and statements as "testing" which Herald scoffed at.

State lab reports had already indicated that Sons fingerprints were not found anywhere in the Maggard home and no blood was found in Sons car.

The eyewitness account was also an area of doubts that the defense wanted to bring out to the jury.

Testimony in the trial from the eyewitness, Paul Weaver, was challenged by public defender Miranda Stevens. Stevens got Weaver to admit on several occasions during cross examination that statements he made to police did not quite go along with what he told the court last Wednesday.

At question was Weaver's statements about why Sons allegedly had him change his shoes. Stevens stated that Weaver first told police it was because if anyone saw them they could honestly say they were not there.

But Weaver told the jury Sons wanted him to

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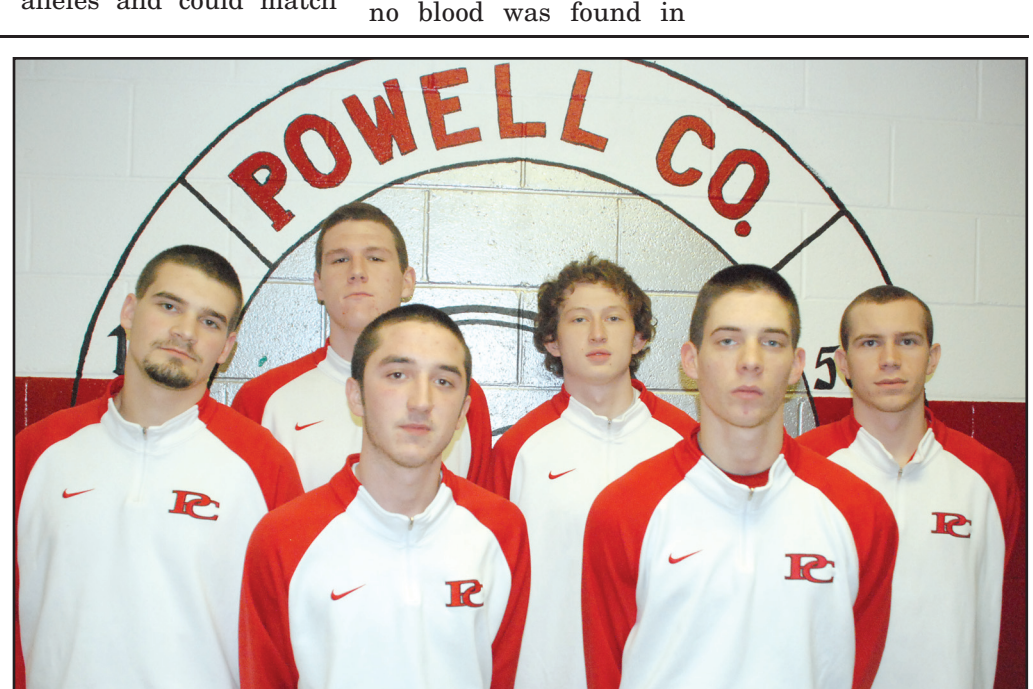

Times Photos by James Cook
The PCHS Pep Band and the Pirates honored their seniors last Friday at Senior Night. The Pep Band members were Jordan Hounshell and Yonna Wicki. The Pirates that were honored were: (l to r) Jacob Conner, Austin Monnett, Zach Dennis, Jarrod Goodwin, Matt Pelfrey and Ryan Goodwin. Congratulations and thanks for the memories!

Lady Pirates win freshman title

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The Lady Pirates could have a bright future ahead, at least when it comes to district titles. The freshmen team took two wins over the weekend and captured the 2012 Freshman District Girls Basketball Tournament.

Powell opened the tournament in Irvine by playing the host team, Estill County. Powell opened up a 21-15 lead and then coasted to the 45-29 win. Shayla Lindon led the way with 15 points and Destiny Peck, back from a recent illness, scored 11. Four other Lady Pirates scored in the contest.

Estill was led by McKenzie Angel with 13 points.

In the championship game Powell took on Lee County. Powell scored 12 straight unanswered points in the first quarter while holding Lee scoreless. That set the tone for the game. Powell cruised to the championship by beating the Lady Cats, 45-25.

Powell was never really threatened and everyone got to play in the lopsided win. Amber Branham led the way with 15 points and Peck scored 10. Sarah Spencer added eight points, Krista Estep tossed in five, Lindon scored three points, Whitney Cook and Savannah Hamilton each had two points in the championship game.

The Lady Pirates freshman team, made up of nine middle school players and just three freshmen, ended the year 11-0.

Accident claims life of Beattyville man who just moved to Powell

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

A Valentine's Day accident has turned tragic for a man who had just recently moved to Powell County. Stanton Police Sgt. James Watson said that Howard Chapman died last Thursday afternoon.

According to Watson, Chapman was traveling westbound on West Railroad Street in Stanton heading toward his residence at Brookside.

Chapman, driving a 1998 Toyota Tacoma, apparently ran through a stop sign at the Washington Street intersection. He was struck on the passenger side by a truck driven by Kyle Stacy of Stanton. Stacy was driving a 1994 Chevrolet S-10.

Police say that Stacy could not have stopped in time. A witness, Ben Tipton, told police that Chapman did not appear to slow down or stop at the intersection. Stacy had told officers that Chapman "came out of nowhere."

Emergency personnel received the call about the accident at 3:13 p.m. and were on scene in a matter of two minutes. Chapman was injured so bad that an attempt to get a helicopter to fly him to Lexington was made. However, due to the weather at the time, the helicopter could not make the flight, according to Watson.

Watson said it looked like Chapman's head may have hit the driver's side door. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

Powell EMS crews took him to the UK Medical Center. Stacy, his passenger Brandy Begley and a juvenile they had just picked up from school were all taken to Marcum and Wallace memorial Hospital in Irvine. They were treated and released.

An accident reconstruction officer, Aaron Matthews, of the Clark County Sheriff's Department was called in. The street remained closed until 7:07 p.m. as officers tried to determine what may have happened.

Watson told the Times that last Thursday he was notified by the Fayette County Coroner's Office that Chapman, 69, had died that afternoon. According to Watson the coroner's office found a "brain leak" that may occurred before the accident. "They said it could have been a possible stroke," Watson reported.

Chapman had just moved to Stanton from Beattyville. There was no word about funeral services at press time.

The Stanton Fire Department and Clay City Police were also on hand to assist at the wreck scene.

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School board approves design of PCHS additons and renovations

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The Powell County School Board has approved the schematic design of the additions and renovations planned for the Powell County High School. Now they just have to wait on a few more surveys to start the bidding process. But do not forget the Kentucky Department of Education also has to approve the plan.

The design was shown to the board at their regular meeting last Monday evening. The meeting was held at the Stanton Elementary School Library. Before hearing about the design the board members got to hear the Stanton K-Kids office members discuss what they do and how they have helped the school.

They also heard from the new principal, Dr. Greg Finkbonner, about how the kids are testing at higher levels and doing quite well. The board seemed impressed with both presentations.

After the board approved the agreement between Ross Tarrant Architects and the district, project manager and PCHS graduate John C. Gilbert made his presentation. He started with the renovations. "The Corridor C will, which when originally built used an open floor design, no walls, now has eight classrooms," Gilberts explained as he showed the board a floor plan. "It will go from eight rooms to six, making them larger and more up to the standards the KDE has."

Under the plan and design the teacher's parking lot would be shifted more toward the middle school as the additions eliminating the portable classrooms located in trailers would take up about half of the current lot. In that section of the plans there would be six classrooms added and a new band room/choral suite built. A corridor would also be added allowing students two major hallways to get from classes at the front of the school to the rear of the school.

"It will help with traffic flow for the students and relieve the congestion in the main hallway," Gilbert said. The board members have talked about the congestion problems for a few years now.

Also under the plan the lower bleachers in the gymnasium would also be replaced. The gym and bleachers have not really seen a lot of structural renovations or work done since being built in 1973.

If all works out and the KDE accepts the plan then the board would be ready to approve the design development at their April board meeting. Approval of the construction development could then be set for their June meeting. During this process bids would be accepted and could be approved by the August board meeting. That is set for Aug. 13.

If all works well the construction on phase one, the additions, would begin in September and then move into phase two, the renovations. Baring no serious delays or weather problems, the 'substantial work" could be completed by late August or early September 2013.

Also discussed at the meeting:

• Sarah Wasson and Ken Simon talked to the board about how the Family Resource Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) provides a lot of services to students and their families on a very low budget. Simon told the board that with no money in his budget he has to find "creative means and find people in the community to help with the cause."

The FRYSC in each school help not only with school needs, but also needs in the community that helps the kids and their families. They have provided clothes and shoes when and if kids need them.

One of their biggest endeavors is the back pack Program. That program, which they work with the county food bank, allows them to send food home with kids to make sure they have food to eat over the weekend.

"With all the programs we provide if it were not for collaboration partners we don't have a program," Simon told the board. Simon and Wasson asked that the board help with renewing the grants that help to keep FRYSC afloat.

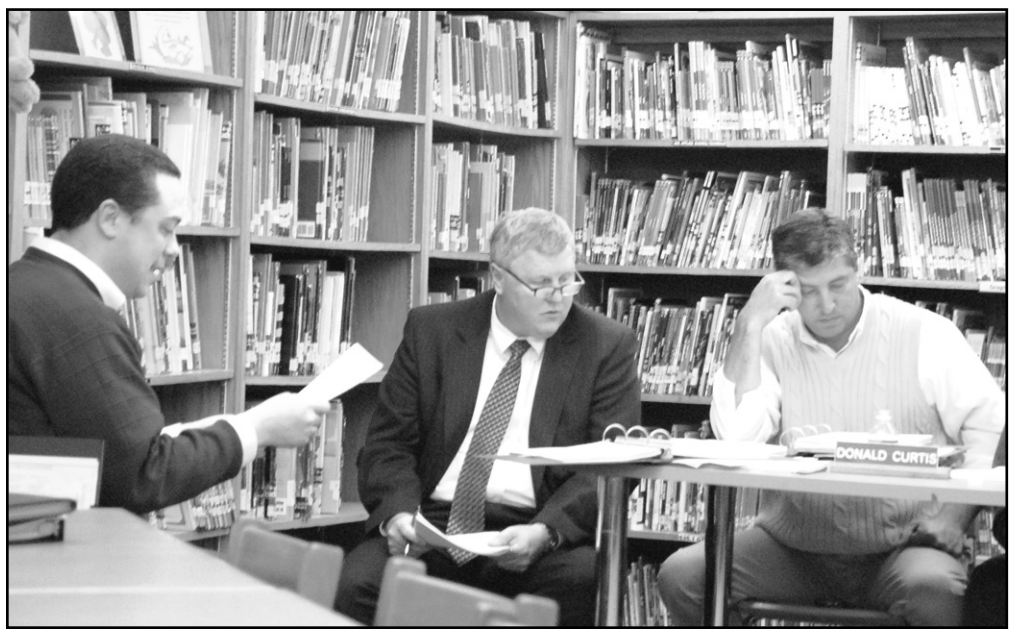
• Monroe Jones told the board that the Extended School Services program is doing well, but that it currently does not cover all the students it could. The program is supposed to help kids in primary through 12th grade. However, in most of the elementary schools it is only being used from the second grade and up.

Budget cuts over the years have also taken its toll on the ESS program. The program this year gave $2,800 to Bowen, $4,100 to Clay City, $3,060 to Stanton, $5,300 to the middle school and $5,400 to the high school. It also provides $7,530 for the summer school program. Teachers who work the program are paid out of the monies provided as is the transportation provided after school. Over 600 kids take part in the ESS program.

"Some teachers don't accept the pay and that helps, and at the high school the daytime waiver has helped keep down transportation costs," Jones said. The daytime waiver allows teachers to use a planning period and to take students needing help who are not in a core curriculum class to be able to get help during school areas. "We may to see if something can be worked out like that at the elementary schools, but its hard because they don't have a very long planning period," Jones said.

• Wasson also told the board that the 2012-2013 school calendar was ready. There will be 170 instructional days, just like this year. The school district must have 29 make-up days ready, as that was the most days they missed in any one year over the past five years. Those have to be carried for at least two more years.

School would start on Aug. 6 and if there were no snow days to make up before Christmas the break would begin on Dec. 20. The schedule is similar to the current schedule being used this year. School would be set to let out for the summer on May 3, 2013.



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Ross Tarrant Architecture's John C. Gilbert explains the plans for the new additions and renovations that will be taking place at the Powell County High School. Superintendent Mike Tate and board chairman Donald Curtis listen intently.

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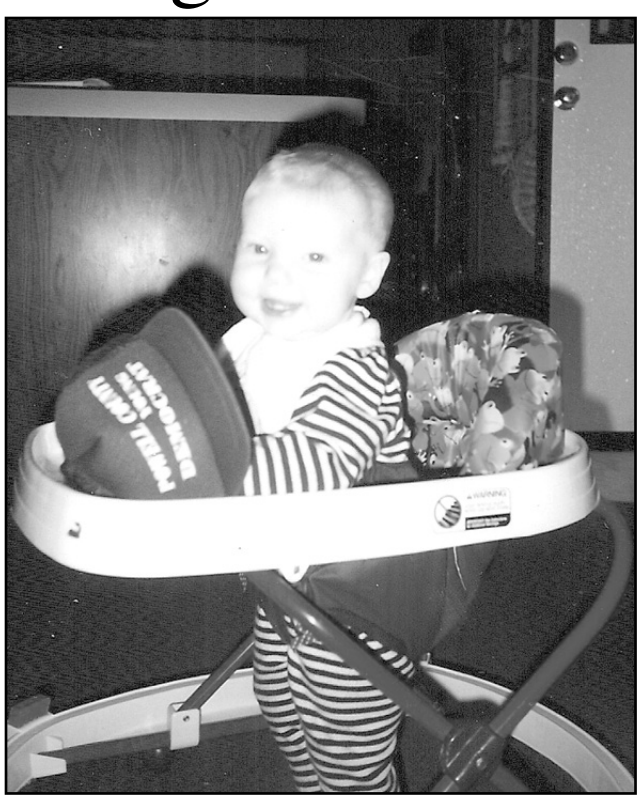

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Welcome home Asher

Matthew and Janet Whisman would like to announce the birth of their son, Asher Anthony. Asher was born on January 16 and was welcomed home by his big sister Kennidy.

Asher's grandparents' Tony and Sherri Whisman of Stanton along with Gordan and Doris Trivett of Pikeville are excited to have this new member of the family.

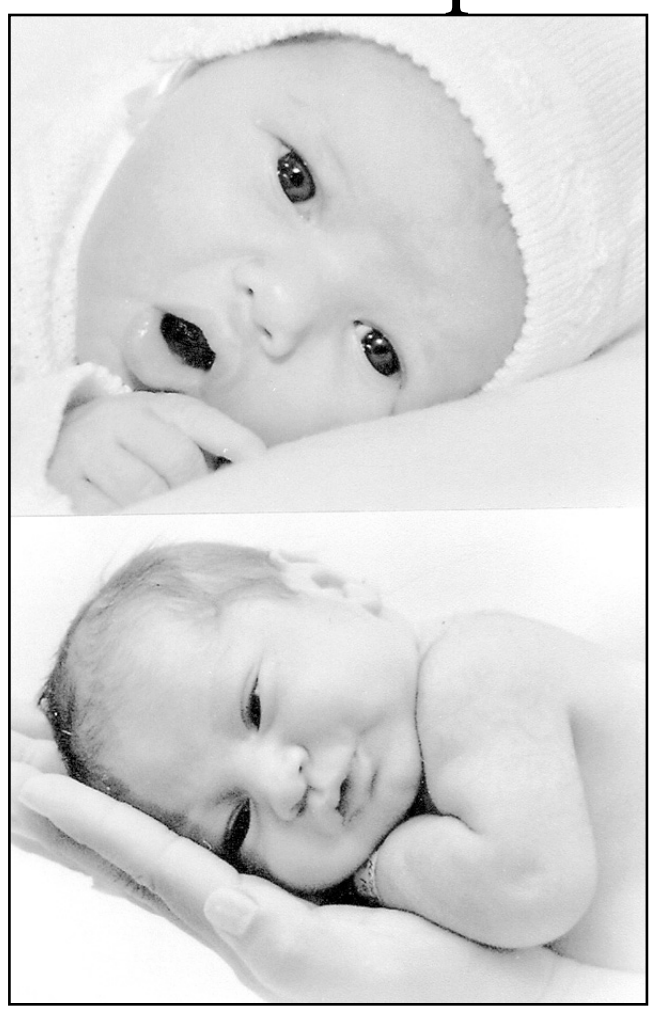
Great-grandparents are Elmer and Bonnie Whisman of Stanton and Janice Smith of Pikeville.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

• Powell Fiscal Court meets at the Powell County Courthouse on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

• Stanton City Council meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Powell Circuit Court Room, located in the Powell County Courthouse. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Double the pride



Steven and Kristy Aguilar of Stanton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Marcos Cortes Aguilar. Marcos was born Nov. 27, 2011 and weighed in at 8lbs and 9 oz.

His maternal grandparents are Kathy and Gregory Briscoe of Stanton and paternal grandparents are Margarita and Torbio Aguilar of Mexico City; maternal great-grandparents are Howard and Tina Tracy of Stanton.

But that's not all for this happy family.

James Gregory and Beth (Smith) Briscoe of Richmond are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Kate Briscoe. Madelyn was born Jan. 7, 2012 and weighed 7 lbs and 12 oz.

Her maternal grandparents are LuAnn Ecton of Lexington and Perry and Mary Smith of Mt. Sterling. Maternal great-grandparents are Conder and Mattie Pinson Smith of Pikeville and Tilden Bedwell and Betty White Bedwell of Campton.

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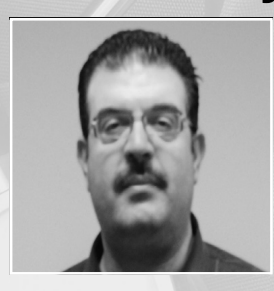

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I'm just saying . . .

Believe it or not we all have a life to live, even newspaper reporters

JAMES COOK
Times Editor

I know we have all heard it before. At one time or another you have either told someone this or it has been told to you. That cute little phrase, "Get a life."

It can mean that you spend too much time on small, mundane things. It could mean that you waste too much time trying to live vicariously through others. Any way it is used, it basically means to find something else to do.

I have been told this many times in my career. In those cases it usually means that I am writing something that is bothering people. I have been told that my life must be pretty boring if all I have to do is wait to see what kind of bad story I can write this week.

In fact, waiting to see what story I will write each week is my job. Be it a good, human interest story (which is few and far between I am sad to report) or some dramatic event that even those who ask me to get a life call to make sure I covered it. I try my best to balance out the news, good and bad each week.

But occasionally I try to "live my life." Last weekend was one of those times, at least for a little while.

My wife and I went out on a "date." We don't get to do that very often. In fact, she advised me it had been eight years since it was just me and her out on the town. Usually my side kick, my lovely daughter and mini-me, is with us. But on this night she was with friends and we decided to see a movie and get a bite to eat.

Of course, as always, things happen. I received at least six text messages and three calls about various subjects. People wanted me to drop what I was doing and be back in town to cover events that were pre-scheduled. However, no one told me or the paper about the events. Sort of like we were an after thought.

Now I understand that is how it goes sometimes and many of the people understood that I was "out of town." However, others decided to show a little attitude when I could not be at their beck and call.

So sad really.

I usually try to make it to as many event as I can because I want to portray all that Powell County is and represents. If you don't believe that ask my family, friends and co-workers about how many hours I put in trying to cover it all.

Of course, I am only human and cannot be everywhere. That is why I really appreciate those who understand this and will provide a picture and some information when I can't be there. After all, this is the community's newspaper.

But on more than one occasion I have been told that it was not their job to take pictures and get them to the paper, that is what I am paid to do. I guess basically they are right. But I wonder how many of those people can be in two places, sometimes three or four places, at one time?

I'll bet none of them can.

Now this may sound like I am complaining, but I love this job. I know what it entails and it can be time consuming. I try to bring you, the readers, all the events and coverage I can. Since I am the only full-time reporter, that can be difficult, but I do my best.

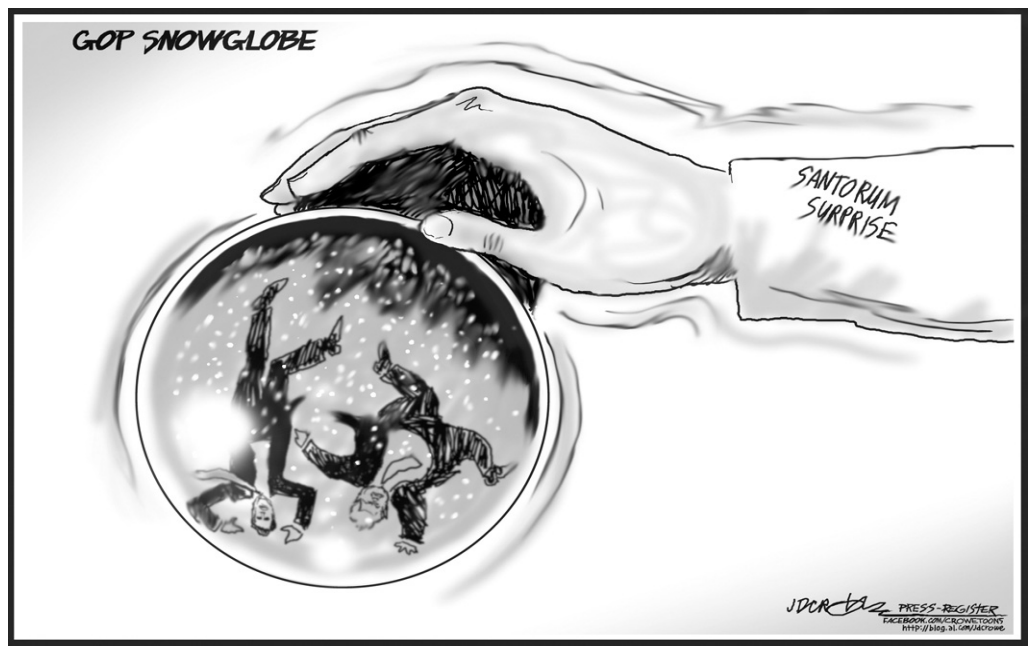
You may ask why Kayla or Sarah don't cover more things? They actually do more now than their jobs require them to do. I appreciate them a lot.

Now I could have got mad when I was given a little "attitude" last weekend because I could not be in three places at one time. Instead I chose to try to enjoy the rest of my evening and hope people would understand.

I believe we would all be better off if we looked at things from the other person's point of view before we jumped down their throat. If you do, and they deserve it then so be it. But if they don't, give them some room. Remember that if we don't live our lives while we can, we sure cannot live it after we are gone.

I've never heard anyone say they wished they had spent more time at work as their days here on earth become shorter. I don't plan on doing that either. I will work when I can, do my best and live my life to the fullest. We all should strive for that.

I'm just saying . . .



Estill County native J.D. Crowe is an editorial cartoonist with the Mobile, Alabama, Register.

Powell residents attend leadership retreat for LEAP

This past week, eight Powell County residents attended an overnight leadership retreat at the Aldersgate Retreat Center in Estill County. The retreat was the kick-off for the 2012 Leadership LEAP program with participants from Estill, Jackson, Lee and Powell Counties. The program will consist of eight trips to various locations in Kentucky with the first and last being overnight retreats.

The Powell County participants are Kevin Babcock from the Powell County Sheriff's Department, Shana Bailey from the Powell County High School, Logan Billings from Tanner Dodge, Johnny Case from Clark Energy, James Clark from Whitaker Bank, Shawna Mays from Peoples Exchange Bank Insurance, Ronda Smith from Peoples Exchange Bank and Travis Wickline from the Powell County Tourism Commission.

The purpose of the LEAP program is to:

- Expand the network of potential future leaders of our communities.
- Enhance the participant's knowledge of the structure and operation of local businesses, schools, healthcare providers, government, civic and charitable organizations.
- Introduce the participants to local business owners, educators and school administrators, healthcare providers and staff, government officials and the leaders of civic and charitable organizations.
- Foster a better understanding of local issues and needs.
- Develop leadership and team building skills.

At the retreat, participants heard from several speakers and participated in various team building and self assessment exercises. On Thursday evening, they heard from Powell County native and current Assistant Superintendent of Madison County Schools, Dr. Kevin Hub. Participants discussed qualities of leadership, how to win with people and learned to focus on things that each member does well as individuals.

Later in the evening, Estill County's Jessica Mullins guided the LEAP members through self assessments. She also helped them to identify their strengths and talents and encouraged them to share those with the others in the group.

On Friday Morning, they heard presentations from each of the representative counties. The group learned some of the history of each community as well as what they are doing to move forward and also some of the challenges they are currently facing.

Then, they heard from former Powell County High School basketball coach, Dave Fraley. The group learned some life and leadership lessons from his career and life, as well as best practices to take back with us for personal growth and leadership development.

The participants finished the day by working in county and inter-county groups to identify the challenges faced in communities and worked to determine action items to overcome those challenges.

The group members are all looking forward to the remaining events to learn, grow, develop connections and work to help move our communities forward.

My Leap Year Quandry: Anybody have a day to spare

By REV. JAMES L. SNYDER
Guest Columnist

During the last political election cycle, we were promised change but I have not seen any of it, especially in my pants pocket.

Then something wonderful happened. I was taking some mail to the post office and as I got out of my truck, I noticed a penny on the ground. At my age, if I have to bend down I make sure there are at least two or three things to do while I am down there. A single penny just will not do it for me. After all, what can you do with a penny?

As I looked at that penny, I saw another penny, then another, then several. By the time I was done, there was a pile of 20 pennies there. Now that is something to bend down for.

I know what they say, "a penny for your thoughts." Here was 20 pennies and I did not have to think too much about bending down and collecting all 20 and put into my pants pocket. Nothing is quite as melodious as change jingling in my pants pocket. I walked into the post office with my pocket jingling with some spare change.

Some may complain that 20 pennies does not really amount to very much. I remember what wise old Benjamin Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned." I am not sure what he would say about a penny rescued or even 20 pennies rescued, but I think he would have had something very witty to say about it.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would say to me something to the effect that 20 pennies cannot buy a good lunch. Who needs a good lunch when you got 20 pennies jingling in your pants pocket? The better part of wisdom on my part would be to allow these 20 spare pennies be my little secret.

A few days after finding this penny cache, my wife made a comment that changed my week.

"What are you going to do with the extra day this year?"

I had no idea what she was talking about. Normally, I have no extra days to spare. Even if I happen to catch up on my chores on one day, there are always the next day's chores staring me in the face.

I was not a Beatle's fan but I did understand their one song that talked about "eight days a week." I have often thought I might be able to get caught up if there was an extra day in the week. Then, on scrutiny of the facts at hand, my good wife would find something for me to do on that eighth day.

Getting back to her "extra day" question. I had no idea what she was talking about and so I responded with a very sophisticated, "huh?"

"What are you going to do with the extra day we have this year?"

I searched the cobwebs of my memory and could not find anything resembling her comment. She saw the quizzical look on my face, more quizzical than normal, and realized I had no idea what she was talking about.

"Don't you know we have an extra day this year?"

I did not know that so I pled with her to explain what she was talking about. I was thinking she was going to give me a day off so I could do nothing, then on second thought I do not believe she would do something like that. Not her!

"This is leap year and the month of February has 29 days instead of the normal 28."

I thought for a moment and understood what she was talking about. I had forgotten this was leap year, which gives us an extra day. Instead of 365 days this year, we will enjoy 366 days. I am not quite sure who arranged this phenomenon but the extra day is tacked on to the end of February.

I have often thought it would be great to be born on February 29. That way you only celebrate your birthday every four years. Instead of being 60 years old, I would be 15.

Then a very terrible thought rumbled through my mind. I remembered what it was like to be 15. No way in the world would I ever want to be 15 again. Imagine taking 60 years to get to 15 and then staying there for four years. Talk about dragging out your misery?

My wife gave me, as usual, some fodder for my thinking. What would I do with an extra day?

The more I thought about this the more things I thought I could do on that extra day. By the time I got through thinking about all the things I could do with an extra day I was exhausted and needed to sit down for a cup of coffee. In order for me to satisfy all my proposed projects, I would need at least one extra day a month, and I would not complain about one extra day a week.

I really do not think having an extra day is going to make much difference for me. The Bible says, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalms 118:24 KJV).

Someone said, today is the first day of the rest of my life. And so it is. Enjoy the day you have, is my philosophy of life.

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NOT GUILTY: Evidence, investigation doubted by defense

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change shoes because he was wearing Nike tennis shoes and "it was too slick" to wear those.

Stevens also challenged Weaver's accounts as to when Sons allegedly changed his bloody clothes. In one statement to police he stated it was while they were on their way to Lexington. In another and while testifying, he stated it was at a gas station in Lexington. The two men were traveling to Texas so Sons could help his mother and sister with a family problem.

Stevens also went after Weaver's account of the murder. Weaver said that Sons first struck Maggard with his fist in the head and then placed him in a choke hold. The two then allegedly wrestled to the ground. Sons then allegedly grabbed an Ale-8 bottle and hit Maggard twice in the head, the second time busting the bottle. Weaver said Sons then produced a knife and started stabbing Maggard. He then stated that Sons went through Maggard's wallet and took some money, about $60 to $70. Weaver had also stated that Sons took some pills Maggard had in a black pouch under a table.

Weaver admitted to seeing Sons hands the whole time and did not know where the knife came from. Police found the knife, a 12 inch long kitchen butcher knife, on the counter. Weaver did allege that Maggard was breathing "real hard" when they left.

Stevens also asked Weaver why he did not call the police or someone to check on Maggard. He said he was scared of Sons and was afraid "he'd do the same thing to me he did to Mr. Maggard."

Weaver went to Texas with Sons and Steven was able to produce cell phone records showing that he made 198 calls in the week they were there. "You called your family, a few friends and a girl, but you couldn't call the police," Stevens asked Weaver. He stated he was afraid and that Sons was "watching me."

The defense also attempted to paint the picture that Weaver had made up the story to get the cash reward that was offered after the murder. Stevens said that Weaver had attempted to get a loan for a car after he returned from Texas, but was turned down. Stevens implied that Weaver then made up the story to get the money and knew that Sons had no alibi since they were traveling together at that time. Herald did address the issue when he asked Weaver if he tried to get the reward money or had any intentions to go after the money. Weaver answered no to both questions.

Other witnesses were brought forward on both sides. An inmate that shared a cell with Sons at the Three Forks Detention center in Lee County, Bobby Brewer, testified that Sons told him about the murder. Brewer said that Sons stated he used a lamp and a boot knife. The defense argued that Brewer did not have the right information, had written in a letter that he had information about the murder of "Chuck Gabbard" and that he was up for a probation revocation hearing in March. The prosecutor bringing that hearing was Herald and the defense implied that Brewer was testifying hoping to persuade Herald into some leniency. Herald quickly advised that Brewer knew him and he knew that he would be revoked in March.

Sons' former girlfriend, Vanessa Durbin, was also called to testify. She stated that she, Sons and her son had gone to Winchester and to church with Weaver after they returned from Texas, despite Weaver's claims he stayed away from Sons. She also testified that Sons had been living with her since after his gym burned down in October 2010 and that he was a "father figure" to her son.

Durbin also testified that Sons seemed to be surprised and kept asking what was going on when police showed up at the home to arrest him on Dec. 29, 2010. However, Powell County Deputy Robert Mathews, who actually placed the handcuffs on Sons, and Clay City Police Sgt. James Kirk, testified that Sons did not seem surprised. Both men testified that Sons said nothing and was told by the officers why he was being arrested.

Sons' mother, Judy Howard, was also called to testify about the time her son and Weaver spent in Texas. She said that Weaver did not act like anything was wrong and that he seemed to enjoy his time in Texas. She also testified that Weaver had called her after Sons' arrest to tell her what he was "supposed to have done and that he used a lamp." Herald and Weaver denied such a call was made.

Sons did not testify, which is his constitutional right. The jury was advised by Powell Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher not to give any weight to the fact he did not testify as it was his right. Fletcher advised the jury to base their decision solely on the evidence presented.

Both closing arguments were riveting. While defense attorney mostly handled police officers testimony and some experts from the state, Stevens gave the closing argument. She walked the jury through the "doubts" in the case. She claimed that the doubts in the DNA, doubts in Paul Weaver and doubts in the investigation. On the latter statements she told the jury there was other evidence there, including swabs from 13 other potential suspects. Three of them had been at Maggard's home the day before and there may have been some tension over a relationship among the "friends and associates." She also brought up how another suspect had blood on his shoe and a cut on his arm, despite pictures being taken and a DNA sample taken, it was never tested.

"The Commonwealth didn't chase leads, they didn't care if they had the right man. They had a man," Steven told the jury, "Has the Commonwealth proved who killed Charles Maggard? No. There is doubt in the DNA, doubt in Paul Weaver and a lot of doubt in the investigation. They have not met their burden of proof."

Rucker and KSP Detective Shane Barnes, who was called by the defense as a witness, told the jury that the state lab has policies in place only allowing up to 10 items to be submitted for testing. Earlier testimony from lab technicians indicated that if asked more than 10 items could have been submitted. However, both detectives advised that they had run into problems with the lab turning down some requests.

Herald used his closing arguments to try to let the jury see the connection between the profile on the tissue in the back seat of Sons car and it being the same as the profile on the toboggan at the murder scene. He also explained that Weaver, who Sons had allegedly called "mentally retarded," was "not sophisticated." But he said that Weaver did not expect to see a homicide that day. "The defense wants a full report," he told the jury, "Paul Weaver saw something he wasn't prepared for."

Herald called the defense's tactics a "smoke screen." That included Weaver possibly changing his story, Brewer thought it was a lamp and Howard testifying about a call that Herald said never happened.

"It's all a smoke screen and I believe your smart enough to see through the smoke," Herald told the jury. As for the defense expert witness, Herald pointed out that she was a paid witness making $175 an hour. 'The only thing she disagrees with was the thing that matters and that was the toboggan," Herald said. "If she agrees with the Commonwealth she won't have a client. She's in the business to make money."

Herald reminded the jury they were sworn to decide the case on the evidence, "not a smoke screen or how bad the Commonwealth did." He also asked them to base their decision "not on a guess or a claim that is contrary." Herald also told the jury that Sons took more than money or pills from Maggard. "He took something much, much more precious than money or pills, unfortunately that is why we have instruction number four, murder, he took the life of Chuck Maggard."

The jury seemed to believe more in the doubts raised than what the prosecution was saying. The jury was given the case to deliberate on at 11:35 a.m. After reportedly eating their lunch and discussing the case, they returned with the not guilty verdict at 12:42 p.m.

Sons breathed a sigh of relief and thanked his attorneys after the two verdicts were read. Carol Maggard began to sob loudly and sat in her seat for several minutes as members of the prosecution team and her family tried to console her.

Times Photo by James Cook

Carol Maggard (left) is being hugged and consoled by her daughter Shannon after hearing the not guilty verdict last Thursday. Carol Maggard, Chuck Maggard's mother, was the one that found her son and had been hoping for a little closure.

Sons was released from custody immediately, after some final paperwork was completed. Meanwhile the Maggard family and friends left the courthouse with expressions of disbelief, anger and grief.

Whisman, the director of the local public defenders office, was pleased with the outcome, but does not diminish the fact that the Maggard family is hurting. "We believed in our client all along, but with a jury trial you never know how it will come out," Whisman said. "We felt there was doubt in this case."

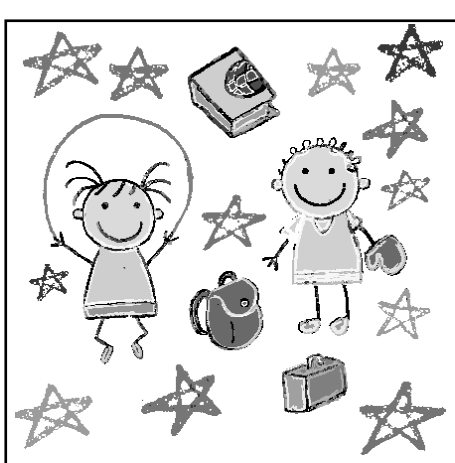
Whisman said that her colleagues, all seven of them who work in six counties, were a part of the effort. "Everyone contributed, it was teamwork," she said. She also believed that Stevens' closing argument came from the heart. "She said that in this country we have a system where in any case before you take away anyone's liberty you have to have evidence and plenty of it."

Whisman also said both sides did a good job and worked hard on the case. "We dealt with what we had, we got to know the family and our client, which is not the case in some lower level (district court) cases because you stay so busy," Whisman said. "We don't want to diminish what the other family is going through, but we believed in our client."

There was no word if the case will be reopened or when as of press time.

Preschool Registration/Screening

for Powell County Schools (KERA) and Powell County Head Start



The Powell County Schools (KERA) and Powell County Head Start will have Preschool Registration/Screening for the 2011-2012 school year at the Powell County Head Start Center on LaDonna Drive, Clay City, Kentucky

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Please contact Chrystal Knox or Betty Wickline. Workers at 606-663-2937 for an appointment. The dates are as follows:

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For further information call Mrs. Kathy Merriman, Federal Programs, Powell County Board of Education, 606-663-3300; Mrs. Kristi Harrison, Early Childhood Specialist, Powell County Board of Ed. Annex, 606-663-3330; Mrs. Chrystal Knox, Family Service Worker, Powell County Head Start, 606-663-2937; Betty Wickline, Family Service Worker, Powell County Head Start, 606-663-2937.

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For additional information about Hospice Services, call ***Hospice East at 606-663-6615 or 1-800-398-9866.***

Fiscal court asked to come up with a smoke free ordinance

By KAYLA MAYS
Times Reporter

The Powell County Fiscal Court held their regular meeting last Tuesday night.

Richard Fain addressed the court about expenses at the Drug Court building and expressed he needed some help with this issue. Fain allows the court to use the building. He asked the court that they consider paying $1,750 once a year to cover his liability insurance that he is required to have.

Fain explained it is only due once a year and is paid in December, he has already paid for this year but it will be due again at the end of the year. The court agreed to pay the expenses of the insurance but to reevaluate it yearly.

Larry Martin with the Powell County Health Department presented to the fiscal court the importance of an ordinance to make Powell County smoke free. He presented information pertaining to the issue and ask that the county do what they could to help with this issue.

The court then was asked by Judge Executive James Anderson to look over the county's animal ordinance and consider making changes to it to prevent the county from spending too much money on this issue. Anderson asked that they review it for discussion at the next meeting.

The court also tabled the proposal to enter into a joint resolution for the LGEDF Grant for the Pine Ridge Theater Project until more information was available regarding the project. They also made the appointment of Steve Hale to the Pine Ridge Industrial Authority.

Rumpke returns to Clay City, beginning pick-ups on March 6

Clay City has selected Rumpke of Kentucky as its new trash hauler.

Beginning Tuesday, March 6, Rumpke will resume trash collection of all Clay City residents and businesses. Collection will continue to occur on Tuesdays.

Residents are asked to place their garbage at the curb Monday evening, as collection may occur early in the morning. Residents should call Rumpke at least 24-hours in advance to schedule pick-up of a bulk item. Rumpke's holiday schedule is available online at www.rumpke.com.

"We are very excited to be back in Clay City and provide the community with dependable, weekly service," said Gary Lederer, operations manager, Rumpke.

Residents can contact Rumpke directly via e-mail at southeast.market@rumpke.com or call 877-786-7537

Retired teachers meet, discuss helping school staffs once again

The Powell County Retired Teachers met on Friday, Feb. 10 at Hood's Restaurant. Jean Derickson presided over the meeting. Cebert Gilbert led in prayer to open the meeting. After a time of fellowship, Becky Skidmore was our guest speaker. She spoke concerning reading programs set up in the schools. She urged us to get involved in reading programs in the school system.

Reading Celebration night will be March 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Powell Middle School. Faye King Benningfield will be the guest speaker.

Cebert Gilbert gave us a report on legislature activities. Ovie Hollon spoke on behalf of the Red River Museum in Clay City. He would like for school classes to tour the museum to learn about the history of Powell County and see all of the old tools, furniture, and etc. from here in the county. Class tours can be set up with Mr. Hollon.

Diane Davis suggested the retired teachers get involved with class room teachers helping with art and music instruction whichever your talent may be.

Those attending the meeting were Karen and Cebert Gilbert, Mary Lou Potts, Janet Foster, Diane Davis, Betty Craft, Mary Back, Ralph Higgins, Carol Howell, Ovie Hollon, Beverly Baker, Dee Robbins, Esther Rule, Billy Rose, Jean Derickson, and guest Jerlene Rose.

Next meeting will be March 9 at Hood's. Hope to see you there.

PCHS Student of the Week

Isaac Hall

Isaac Hall is this week's PTO Student of the Week at Powell County High School. He is the son of Frank and Tammy Hall of Stanton.

Isaac is a sophomore at PCHS and has been a member of the Pirate football team for two years and plans to be part of the track team this spring. He likes going to high school to be with his friends, and his favorite class is Algebra 2 because he loves learning math.

He also enjoys Ken Jones's World Civilization class and Ronnie Cooper's computer technology class, and he always appreciates their efforts to make class fun. Isaac was nominated for PTO Student of the Week by Mr. Jones.

Isaac's future plans include going to college and becoming a civil engineer.

Student of the Week is a program sponsored by the PTO and recognizes students who are role models in the areas of study, effort, cooperation, and attitude. Other nominees this week include Rachel Brown, Dustin Parks, Ashley Perkins, and Brad A. Smith.

Powell students receive scholarships to attend BCTC

Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC) has awarded scholarships to two Powell County students.

Lydia Tatman of Stanton has received the Commonwealth Scholarship. This scholarship provides for full tuition for high school valedictorians, salutatorians or members of the top quartile of their high school graduating class.

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Porter Brewer, 69

Porter Brewer, 69, of Fife Lick Road, Clay City, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 at Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester. Porter was born in Wolfe County on Feb. 21, 1942, a son of the late Letcher and Carrie Hatton Brewer.

He was a former carpenter with local carpenter union 1650. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters, Minnie Smith and Maudie Farmer.

Surviving relatives are two sons: Porter Brewer, Jr. and Brandon (Gretchen) Brewer both of Clay City; two daughters: Carolyn S. (Merle Keith) Travis of Irvine and Dana (Jon) Porter of Stanton; five brothers: William N. (Deloris) Brewer of New Carlisle, OH, Pearl (Clara) Brewer, Harvey Kenneth (Sharon) Brewer, Melvin (Helen) Brewer and George (Louise) Brewer all of Clay City; three sisters: Louise (Raymond) Leach of Stanton, Norma (Donnie) Briscoe of Glenwood, IN and Brenda (Tracy) Farmer of Clay City, along with seven grandchildren: Whitney Brewer, Jacob Travis, Alyssa Travis, Austin Brewer, Morgan Porter, Mallory Porter and Evalee Brewer.

Cremation was selected without any services. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. www.hearnefuneralhome.com

Algire chosen to lead Clark Regional Foundation

The Board of the Clark Regional Foundation for the Promotion of Health has chosen a senior health care executive to be the first president of the newly established healthcare foundation.

Jen Algire, who is presently chief of staff for Premier healthcare alliance, will work with the board to shape the new foundation, created with assets from the sale of Clark Regional Medical Center to LifePoint Hospitals in April 2010. Those assets are meant to benefit the well-being of Clark and Powell counties, a mission directly aligned with Algire's passion and experience.

"The board has ambitious goals for improving the health and well-being of families in our region," said Ed Mastrean, chair of the foundation's board. "We believe that Jen shares our enthusiasm and commitment to that cause. She is the right person at the right time to achieve our vision."

Algire's previous experience includes leading a privately-funded community health center and overseeing a public endowment created by the sale of a local hospital. She has a bachelor's degree in politics from Wake Forest University, a master's degree in social work and public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a master's degree in business administration from Queens University of Charlotte.

Since the Foundation's creation in May 2010, it has been led by former Clark Regional board member Dudley Taylor who has served as the foundation's interim Executive Director. Algire will go to work immediately to set up the foundation's new office and operations. She will work with the board and community partners to establish funding priorities to help improve the health and well-being of Clark and Powell county residents.

The new office at 804 ByPass Road will be opened in March 2012.

With the foundation's initial corpus and the potential of acquiring additional assets through the disposal of the medical center's real estate properties, the Clark Regional Foundation for the Promotion of Health will be one of Kentucky's largest foundations.

The mission of the Clark Regional Foundation for the Promotion of Health is to improve the health and well-being of families in Clark and Powell counties, Kentucky.

The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federally exempt corporation established by the sale of assets of Clark Regional Hospital. Present and future assets of the foundation are invested prudently to provide for the long-term benefit of the communities it serves.

CHURCH NEWS

Special Bible Study & Discipleship Service

Friends and neighbors, Pastor Robert and Sister Shirley Bailey would like to cordially invite you to take part in the Spring Branch Baptist's special Wednesday evening Bible Study and Discipleship church service. This service starts at 7 p.m. at Spring Branch Baptist Church just off of Hwy 1261 at 100 Spring Branch Rd. near Bethany. Everyone is welcome and is invited to attend.

Green Meadows Gospel Music Meeting

The Green Meadows Gospel Music Association will be holding a meeting at the Old Country Inn Restaurant in Jackson on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. Our featured group will be The McKinneys and other featured singers will be Revelation 411, Bound for Glory, Kenny & Becky Mabry, and Viola Little. Come enjoy some great food and fellowship while you listen to some good gospel music. Please feel free to invite your pastor and other church members to come. For more information contact me at: (270)775-5431 or truesong@mrtc.com

Singspiration

Every fourth Sunday evening at 6 p.m. there will be a Singspiration at Spring Branch Baptist Church. This service is a special singing service where Spring Branch has some of their singers and singers from other churches share their God given talent for the Lord. Come and invite your friends to sing praises to the Lord at this friendly Bible Believing church. Spring Branch Baptist is located just off of Hwy 1261 at 100 Spring Branch Road in Campton. Pastor Robert Bailey and the congregation invite everyone to attend. If you are gospel singers and you would like to sing at this service let us know. For more information call: (606) 668-6694.

Brush Creek Pentecostal

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Thank You

The Family of Gordon Strange would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during the death of our beloved Gordon. Thank you to pallbearers, everyone who brought food and especially Grayson Funeral Home for their wonderful support and services.

The Strange Family

From the family of Louise Crowe

This comes with great appreciation to all of the family and friends who sent flowers, cards and donations in our time of sorrow.

We want to send a special thank you to Hospice East, especially Teresa, Charity and Sandy. There aren't enough good words to express our appreciation for the care and TLC that they provided. We are so blessed to have them in our community.

Also a special thank you to Stanton Nursing Center and their wonderful employees: Jennifer, Becky, Jackie, Thelma, Thelma, Gina, Courtney, Priscilla, Lindon, Samantha, Oscar, Daphne and Joyce for the care they also provided.

Brother Anthony Mollihan for all the visits and prayers that he had with her during her stay at SNC.

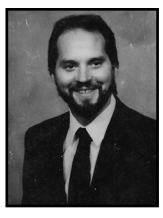
Brother Dale Payne for the warm thoughtful words spoken at her funeral and finally to Hearne Funeral Home for the wonderful job and Hondo's sincere kindness and the help he provided to us all during this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
The Family of Louise Crowe

Peter Glen Holmes, Sr.
April 10, 1948-Feb. 5, 2011

You were taken too soon from the lives you've touched.
We wish you were here and miss you so much.
We know we'll all be together someday.
And in our hearts theres so much we want to say.
The tears we've shed could fill the deepest pond.
As long as we, your children, are here you'll live on.

In memory of Pete Holmes
We love and miss you,
Kathy, Pete Jr., Martha and James



George Elvin Neal II

May 29, 1965-Feb. 24, 1997

We only have pictures
We only have a picture now
a frozen piece of time,
to remind us of how it was,
when you were here, and mine.

We see your smiling eyes,
Each morning when we wake,
We talk to you, and place a kiss upon
your lovely face.

How much we miss you being here,
We really can not say,
The ache is deep inside our hearts,
And never goes away.

We hear it mentioned often,
that time will heal the pain,
but if we're being honest,
We hope it will remain.

We need to feel you constantly,
to get us through the day,
We loved you so very much,
Why did you go away?

The angels came and took you,
That really wasn't fair,
They took our one and only son,
Our future, our heart.

If only they had asked,
If we would take your place.
We would have done so willingly,
Leaving you this world to grace.

You should have had so many years
to watch your life unfold.
And in the mist of this
Watched us, your parents grow old.

I hope you're watching from above,
At the daily tasks we do.
And let there be no doubt at all,
We really do love you!

Mom, Dad, Nina
and Sheila
and families

In Loving Memory

Dora Ruth Kibbey passed away peacefully at her home in Winchester, Ky. on Valentines Day at the age of 62. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Ray Kibbey of Winchester, her daughter, Debra Smith, Stanton, and son, Wade Smith, Irvine, three sisters, Linda Sue Wilson, Clay City, Wilma Jean Estes, Ada Pearl Conner and Alma Banks all of Winchester, nieces, nephews and other family members and loved ones.

Dora, we will love you and remember you every Valentines Day.
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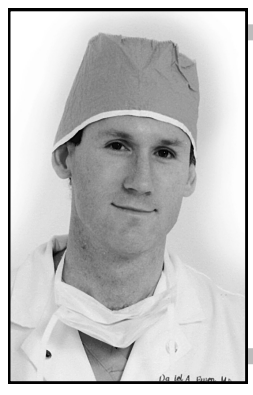

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Community Calendar

Free Tax Assistance

AARP volunteers will be at the Powell County Senior Citizens Center located in the City Park in Stanton from 9 a.m. until 1p.m.on Feb. 23 to do free tax assistance for any age. For more information, call 606-663-5981.

AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m., Pick 'n Grin, Bluegrass music free every Friday night! Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veteran Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday of each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m. For info call Joe Neal 663-5895. Visit us online at our Powell County DAV Chapter #103 website at www.dav.org. No password needed, any citizen can view it.

Disabled American Veteran Service Officer

The next Disabled American Veteran Service Officer will be available on Friday Feb 24 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the DAV meeting Hall 30 Bright Street Stanton. For Info Call Joe Neal 663-5895.

AmVets Rook Tournament

A Rook Tournament at the Sons of AmVets Post #67 in Clay City, Saturday, Feb. 25 beginning at 7 p.m. Pre-entry, early preferred, draw for partners, 50/50 pay-out. For more information contact Greg Crabtree at 606-569-5030

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

The Friends of Powell County Pets will be hosting a spay/neuter clinic at the Stanton Fire Station on March 10. Advance appointments are mandatory and space is limited. Please call 606-481-9430 and leave a message to reserve your appointment/ Prices are: Male Cat $43, Female Cat $53, Male Dog $53 and Female Dog $63. Annual shots are included in the prices. There will be an additional $10 fee for dogs that are more than 45 pounds. The maximum limit is 75 pounds at this mobile clinic.

Little League Softball Sign-ups

The Red River Little League Softball will be holding sign-ups for this year's softball season. Girls age 4 to 18 are encouraged to come out and play. Signs up will be on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Feb. 25, March 3, March 10 and March 17. Sign-ups will be held at the Stanton Dairy Queen.

The sign-up fee is $40 and there will be a limited number of scholarships available to aid with sign-ups. Birth certificates are required during registration. For more information call Jim Thorpe at 663-2262 or Arlene Scott at 663-6087 or 606-481-0312.

AmVets Cornhole Tournament

There will be a Cornhole Tournament at the Sons of AmVets Post #67 in Clay City, Friday, March 3 beginning at 7 p.m. Pre-entry, early preferred, draw for partners, 50/50 pay-out, $5 entry. For more information contact Greg Crabtree at 606-569-5030.

Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

Baseball Sign-ups

The Powell County Little League will be holding sign-ups for t-ball and baseball on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City and the Powell County Senior Citizens Center located at the Stanton City Park. Children ages 5 to 12 who live in Powell County are encouraged to come out. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present with three proofs of residence and an original or state certified copy of the child's birth certificate. The items will be inspected and returned at the registration. For more information call Wallace Begley at 663-0037 or Eric Briscoe at 663-6763.

Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the office in Slade (behind the red caboose). For more information call 606-663-1161.

Friends of PC Pets Meetings

Friends of Powell County's Pets hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Powell County Public Library. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer or foster, please stop by.

Brianna's Sanctuary Meetings

Brianna's Sanctuary & Rescue monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, at the Powell County Public Library. If you would like to volunteer or find out the requirements for fostering, come by and join us. For questions call (606) 663-2353 or (859) 576-4846.

Valentine's Pageant

There will be a Valentine's King and Queen Pageant at 1 p.m. on March 3 at the Breathitt County Seniors Citizen Center in Jackson. The age groups run from birth to 17 years old for girls and birth to 7 years old for boys. There are optional categories such as Hair, Eyes and Cutest Costume. There will be one Boy Supreme winner and two Girl Supreme Winners. Please pre-register by Feb. 27, the entry fee is $50. Call 606-272-2844 for more details.

Times Photo by Kayla Mays

In honor of President's Day, 8th grade students at PCMS were asked to create a poster representing one of our first three presidents. They had to construct a timeline, explain important historical events, and give their favorite quote from the president. Pictured above are Amber Branham, Hayleigh Abner, and Brandon Sizemore.

Stanton working on a lease with school system over park

By KAYLA MAYS
Times Reporter

The city of Stanton held their regular meeting on Feb. 9 to discuss a few issues.

The first issue on the agenda that was up for discussion was regarding property behind Save-A-Lot in Stanton. Mayor Dale Allen addressed the council about the property explaining that the property belonged to a man and wife, the wife no longer resided here after the passing of her husband. Due to her not being around and her not being able to keep up the property it was her wish to give the property to the city since she no longer wanted it. Stanton City Attorney Scott Graham informed the council that he did not think there was anything wrong with this but he would check the legalities.

The next item was the new property purchased for the city park. The property that was recently purchased is not part of the city and needs to be annexed. The council agreed to allow the mayor to enter into and sign a request to annex the property into the city.

The council also re-appointed Megan Davis to the Housing Authority and agreed to renew a five year contract with Xerox. They also approved to take sealed bids for the trailer at the city park since it was no longer wanted or needed by the Powell County Schools.

The council then went on to address the city park. First, was the issue with the city's baseball field. It was explained at the meeting that the Powell County High School baseball team has not signed a lease for using the park for the last couple of years. The city has been paying the electric bill, while they have been using the field and have not signed the lease.

The electric in 2011 for the five months of use was approximately $4,300 and in 2010 it was approximately $2,900. Each month the city also pays $315 for on demand lighting used at the field. One of the council members stated, "We need to get away from it just being the high school field."

The council discussed charging the school a rate or working on an agreement with them so that it is not just their field and the city is not told they cannot use it. The council agreed to go to the school board and discuss the issue. The city will offer a lease agreement for the park during the high school baseball season.

The council also agreed to allow up to $3,000 of restaurant tax to be spent on signage at the park and up to $5,000 for lighting. They also discussed purchasing up to eight more cameras and goals for a soccer field.

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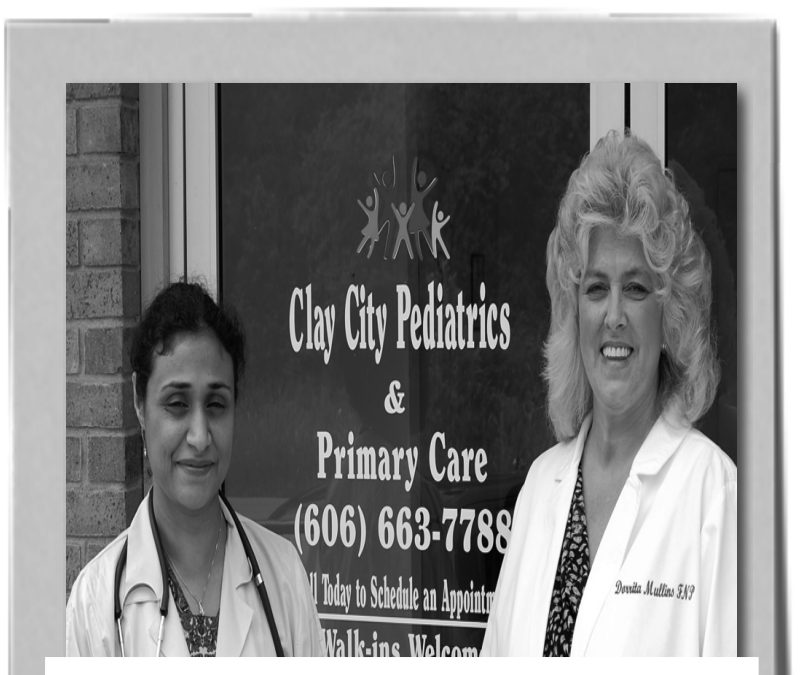

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So much to learn or brush up on

By MIKE REED
County Ag. Agent

Extension Office to offer Educational Sessions Feb. 27-March 1

The Powell County Extension Office will offer the following educational sessions the week of Feb. 27 as part of their 2012 Winter Workshop. Each class will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meal or refreshments available each evening. At some sessions there will be a small fee of $2 per person to defray food costs. The classes will be taught at the Powell County Extension Office –new conference room, with special speakers each evening. The following is information concerning each evening's class:

Monday, Feb. 27 Beekeeping in Powell County

Join us along with special guest speaker Mr. Jim Coss from the Kentucky Bee and Honey Connection in Morehead as he discussed re-queening hives and dealing with the problems with bees that many farmers and gardeners have this time of year. Take this opportunity to join the Powell County Beekeepers Association. Dues are $5.00 per person. This will be our first meeting of the new year and will begin with a potluck dinner prepared by our members.

All local beekeepers or those wishing to get started in beekeeping should plan to attend.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 Backyard Poultry Production

Come meet with Dr. Jacqueline Jacobs, UK Poultry specialist as she presents a program on raising chickens. She will cover such topics as breeds, feeds and nutrition, and diseases in poultry. All poultry producers who have chickens or may want to hear that rooster crow in the backyard, are encouraged to attend. Join us for chili and sandwiches this evening for $2.00 per person.

Wednesday, Feb. 29 Farm & Home Protection

Spend the extra day in February by learning how to protect your farm and your family. Copper theft, and crime in general is on the increase everywhere. Learn about Keeping the Farm Safe during hard times. Local police departments will present a program on farm security and farm theft. Join us for Papa John's pizza for $2.00 per person.

Thursday, March 1 Spring Beef Cattle Update

With cattle prices still on the increase, taking care of our cattle and our forages should be of even more interest this year. We will cover such topics as pasture renovation, grass tetany prevention and treating sick calves. We will also cover pasture weed control and spend some time updating farmers' water quality plans. Updated water quality plans must be updated in the past 5 years in order to quality for Tobacco Settlement funds in 2012.

Join us for a beef dinner for the cost of $2 per person. All beef cattle producers are encouraged to attend.

Soil Samples are now $5 per sample

Budget cuts are happening everywhere and that includes the Extension Office services we are able to offer local farmers. Effective February 14, 2012 soil samples taken at the Powell County Extension Office will revert to their original cost of $5 per sample. For the past several years, the Powell County Extension District board paid for each sample with local tax funds, but with increased costs, (and since I am already over budget) farmers and gardeners will once again be asked for the $5 per sample when samples are brought into the office.

March 1 is the Deadline for 2011 Phase I Receipts

All 43 farmers who participated in the Phase I program which allocated funds back in late September will have until next Thursday, March 1 to turn in all their receipts and finalize their payment. There will be no Extension of time for these participants. Un-used funds will revert back to the 14 or so farmers on the waiting list. All receipts must be turned into the Powell County extension Office or directly to Ms. Kathy Neal, Livestock board treasurer.

Learn how to Prune those Fruit Trees

Late February and early March is the proper time to prune and train your fruit trees. While reading about how to properly prune a fruit tree is important, nothing takes the place of getting out there with a set of pruners and start cutting off branches. Join us for a Fruit tree pruning demonstration on Tuesday, March 6 at 5 p.m. at the home of Eddie and Marsha McCoy at 1275 Upper Cane Creek Road in Stanton. The McCoy's have several young apple, peach and pear trees that we can practice on and learn from. We will also discuss proper fruit tree spraying and timelines for spray schedules. This demonstration will last approximately one hour and participants will need to bring a pair of pruning shears and loppers if they have a set. For more information, contact us at the Powell county Extension Office at 663-6405.

Grafting Class- March 8

For those gardeners and green thumbs who just can't wait until spring, there will be a fruit tree grafting demonstration held on Friday, March 8 at the Powell County Extension Office conference room. This meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Gardeners will learn how to graft their favorite tree from home on a root stock which will be provided to them for the cost of $1 per plant. Any gardener who has a special tree in the back yard, or in someone else's back yard should go ahead and take a cutting from a water sprout from that tree. The sprout should be 10-12" long with several buds. These new shoots should be cut now and held in the crisper of the refrigerator until the workshop.

Bring these water sprouts with you and we will graft them together. Class participants also need to bring a sharp knife for grafting as well. Any other supplies will be provided as part of the class.

All gardeners interested in pruning and grafting are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact me at 663-6405. All educational programs of the UK Cooperative Extension Service are open to everyone without regard of sex, race, age, national origin, religion, or disability.

Spring Seeding time is Upon us

You only have to take a drive out into the community to see that the bottom of each pasture field has just about disappeared. Our farmers have to wade the mud up to their knees now, just to get the hay fed. Once the fields start drying up (and they will eventually), many of our livestock producers will be able to get out on fields and disk hay or pasture fields lightly.

Hardly any field in the state is not in need of re-seeding and fertilization. Many are torn up so badly now, that re-disking may not even be necessary.

Regardless of the machinery used, spring seeding or renovation of pastures and hay fields is time well spent.

Mid February through April 20 is the best time of the year to sow clover seed in pastures or hay fields. After mid- March drilling seed into the soil should be the only method used as it is important for seed to get good seed/soil contact. Over seeding or broadcasting seed after this time may result in less than good results. Over seeding or frost seeding seems to work best for the small, round seeded legumes such as white and red clover.

Varieties of the clover you use are important for the best yield results. Variety trials demonstrate considerable yield differences between improved cultivars and the older, common varieties.

A better red clover variety is worth 2-5 tons of extra yield over the life of the stand. Even though you may gripe and complain when you check out recent seed prices, the extra results should more than pay for the additional costs. Keep in mind rates are important. Red clover can be sown at the rate of 8- 12 pounds per acre and white clover up to 3 pounds per acre.

Variety names may be a little different than they were maybe the last time you re-seeded. You will see names such as Red Gold, Cinnamon, Arlington, and Robust among others for red clover; Will and Advantage among others for white clover that are good for our area.

If you are involved in the Forage Improvement program this spring, make sure that the variety you choose is on the accepted variety list approved by the Kentucky Office of Ag policy.

Each participant should have a copy of the seed list and program guidelines before purchasing any seed. Stop by the Powell County Extension Office for details and varieties that are good for our area.

The forage improvement program is indeed an farmland improvement program, which means you will go through a few more necessary steps to do things a little better than you did in the past.

Forage producers are encouraged to get their soil samples in as soon as possible. All the good seed in the state will not grow well if soil nutrient levels are not adequate for good grass and legume growth. Soil samples are $5 per sample at the Powell County Extension Office. After soil test results are in, farmers will be able to apply needed lime, phosphorus and potash. Farmers should not apply much nitrogen to recently seeded fields as nitrogen will stimulate grass growth and increases the chance for the grass to "choke out" the new clover seedlings.

Late February and early March is the prime time for forage improvement. Contact me at the Extension Office at 663-6405 if you have questions.

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National FFA Week Feb 18-25

WSKV is proud to salute Powell County's FFA members. Join us in supporting our local chapter of the Future Farmers of America and its members during National FFA week Feb 18th –25th. WSKV has partnered with members of the Powell County FFA Chapter to raise money for their projects and would like to thank the area businesses who participated:

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2012 56th District Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament

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National Agriculture Week is a time for Americans to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. SOS -*Spotlight on Sustainability* is dedicating the March 10th show (Saturday 11am-noon) to highlight local farmers, growers, or other agriculture-related businesses and organizations during this national week of Ag celebration! You can help by nominating someone whose career involves agriculture.

Nominate a farmer/grower/business by sending an email to angela@wskvfm.com or by regular mail to: SOS at WSKV, PO Box 610, Stanton, KY. Or drop off your nomination in writing at WSKV 28 West Hall Road in Stanton. Include 1.) Name and contact info of your nominee. 2) Your name and contact info. 3) Why you feel that person or business should be recognized.

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Mole digging duo

By SARAH BLOOM
Times Lifestyle Columnist

It seems a safe bet to say that we have not been witness to very many Kentucky winters like the one we are currently in. I honestly cannot remember when we have had such a mild and relatively uneventful cold season. With that being said I am convinced that the animals are confused.

It seems in years past we have not had to bear the unmistakable calling card of the skunk until closer to spring. Maybe I am choosing to forget, but I don't recall last January and February as stinky months. This year, on the other hand, has been horrendous.

I have awoken a few mornings to a stench so thick you can almost taste it in your mouth. For some reason though, one of my boys seems to think it smells like coffee.

We were driving down the road the other day and passed over one that had met its maker trying to cross the road. While the rest of us were curling our noses he pipes up, "I smell coffee." If my morning coffee smelt like that I would definitely be switching brands.

Since the ground has not been frozen as much I guess the moles that have taken up residence in our yard did not have the added protection of a layer of hard earth to keep the dogs away. Both of our dogs are certified, professional mole diggers. As if the burrowing of these pesky moles was not destructive enough to our patch of grass, the removal efforts of our dear hounds finished the job.

Now the moles that inhabit in our yard must be well fertilized because they are the largest I have ever seen. Matter of fact, at the end of last summer we had a man come over to work on our air conditioner and he just happened to be there when our oldest dog Timber dug up his newest prize. This man was so impressed by the shear size of this mole he took it home with him to show it off, much to Timber's dismay.

It seems on a daily basis another carcass shows up on our porch or in the driveway. You can literally watch these dogs walk across the yard, suddenly freeze and start digging. A few minutes later they are throwing these poor creatures high into the air…instant chew toy.

One recent morning I heard a thumping noise on the front porch and upon inspection I found that our youngest dog Max had retrieved one of his prizes and was throwing it up and down. The only problem was that he had killed it the day before and apparently it had frozen solid overnight so he now had a mole popsicle to kick around.

I have noticed that once one of the dogs has laid claim to his mole he becomes very protective of it. It is actually hilarious to watch these two try to outsmart the other when it comes to hiding their catches. They sneak them into their doghouses and tuck them away wherever they seem to think the other won't look. If by chance their prize is stolen they sit and sulk for the rest of the day.

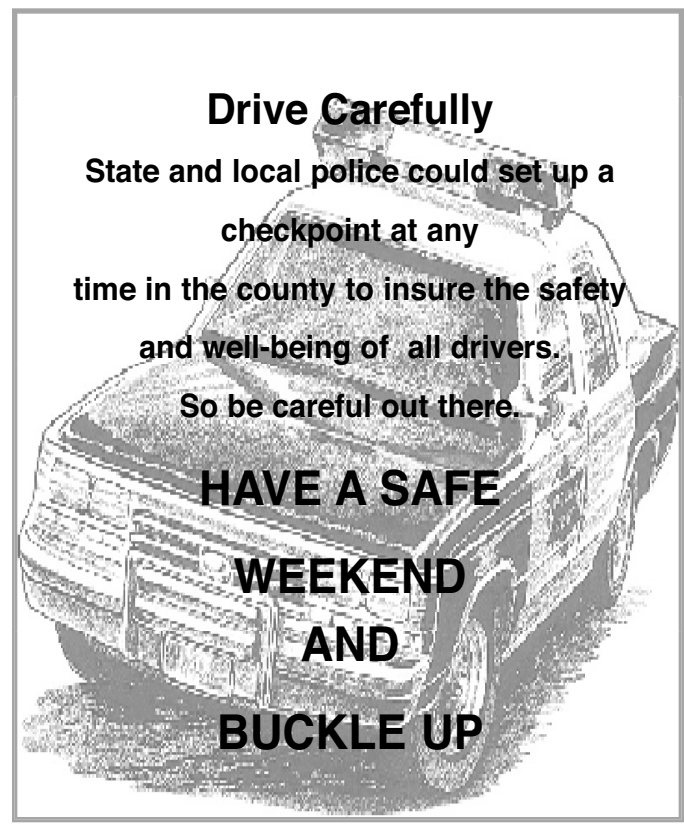
One day Timber had caught his morning mole and was doing the usual routine of throwing it high into the air, catching it and then rolling on it. My boys decided to go outside to investigate. When he saw them coming he thought he would be sneaky and lay on top of it. He was probably afraid they would take it away from him.

Well his little plan backfired on him when that mole decided to exact some sweet revenge. Suddenly Timber jumped high into the air bucking and flopping back and forth. There, swinging precariously from his midsection was that little mole. It had sunk those sharp teeth right into the tender part of Timber's underside. I haven't seen him try to lie on top of any of his catches since.

When the time for mowing rolls around again, and by the looks of the weather that will be sooner than later, I hope my husband decides to place a pillow in his seat because with the shear amount of holes in our yard it is sure to be a bumpy ride.

Have a blessed week everyone! *"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." Jeremiah 17:7*

Times Photo by James Cook
The Stanton Buzz Crew, a dance team from Stanton Elementary School, performed at the Powell-Hazard game last Friday night. The team put on some really good moves and great show. They are under the direction of Jennifer Drake.



We would like to send a special thank-you to Parkway Florist, who graciously donated a rose to each of our ladies here at the center for Valentine's Day. We would also like to thank each of the ladies from the Happy Quilter's Stitch Club (extension office) for taking their time making each client a quilt for their birthday.
Thank-you! - Powell Adult Day Care

Promoting good oral health is very important

PAM DOOLEY
County Home Ec. Agent

When we eat our food, the mouth starts the digestive system's functions, so it is not surprising that nutrition and oral health are closely linked.

When it comes to oral health and the teeth, nutrition is both protective and preventative. Good nutrition promotes maintenance of the mouth and teeth by mitigating the negative influences of food on teeth, where plaque can accumulate.

Dental decay can be caused by many things:

Acids on teeth: When people consume carbohydrates, acids are released that can damage teeth. The more often people eat carb-containing foods, the greater the potential damage to tooth enamel. In other words, frequency of exposure to carb-containing foods is worse than amount of exposure. Each exposure causes a 20-minute acid attack that may cause tooth decay.

Food characteristics: "Sticky" foods, or cooked starches, have the tendency to stick to teeth, even though they are not necessarily sticky in nature. For example, chips and crackers fall into this category.

Slow-dissolving foods: Foods that take a long time to dissolve and therefore remain in the mouth for a long period of time can cause acids to destroy enamel. Again, this is slightly counter-intuitive, as cookies and granola bars fall into this category.

Meal time: When you eat foods as part of a meal, rather than consume then separately, it produces less acid. Your saliva production increases when you eat a meal, and this neutralizes acid production and clears food from the mouth. Additionally, water, especially tap water or bottled water with added fluoride, neutralizes acids, strengthens enamel and washes food out of the mouth.

Promoting good oral health is a very important part of overall health. Periodontal disease is linked to several health issues, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke. Tooth decay can be prevented with good oral hygiene, which includes:

- Using fluoride toothpastes
- Drinking water containing fluoride
- Receiving regular dental care for prevention and treatment
- Eating limited amounts of sugary foods
- Brushing and flossing daily to remove plaque

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Source: Deborah Murray, associate director, Health Education through Extension Leadership

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Clay City Baptist, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

Emmanuel Baptist, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300. Pastor Greg Webb; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

Friendship Baptist Church, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.,) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.

Mill Knob Baptist Church, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

Morris Creek Missionary Baptist, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Kevin Chaney. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am, Sunday night, 6 pm

Powell's Valley Baptist, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

Rehoboth Baptist Mission, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Baptist, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Troy Luttrell , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

West Bend Baptist,10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

Calvary Baptist Church, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

Three Crosses Baptist Church, Clay City.

Unity Freewill Baptist Church, U.S. 460, Camargo, Pastor: Mark McIntosh, Services: Sunday School at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening at 6 p.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Our Lady Of The Mountains Church, 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

CHRISTIAN

Stanton Christian, 100 West Church Street, Stanton, 663-2458; David Bowden, Min., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bowen Church of Christ, Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Cat Creek Church of Christ, Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

Clay City Church of Christ, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Church of Christ, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

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Ark of Mercy Church of God, 13 W. Broadway, Winchester, 859-745-0700; Healing, Deliverance and prayer services every Saturday night at 6 pm.

Bowen First Church of God, Hwy. 15, 663-0751; Bro. Stephen Donithan, Min., Bowen, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Clay City First Church of God, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Garland Lacy, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Emmanuels Tabernacle Church of God, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Goff Corner Independent First Church of God, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm. Pastor, Gary Mathis

Harg First Church of God, Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

Hatcher's Creek Church of God, Dale Sparks, Min., Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

Knowlton Church of God, Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.

Living Water Church, 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

More Than Enough Ministries Church of God, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,

Morris Creek First Church of God, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tipton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Mountain Parkway Church of God, 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

New Beginnings Church of God, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

Slade Church of God, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.

South Fork Church of God, Services Friday 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. Pastor Wilford Dale Helton.

Stacy Road Church of God, Irvine, James and David Riddell, Min, Sunday Service 7 pm; Wednesday and Friday Service 7 p.m.

Stanton First Church of God, 980 E. College Ave. P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T;. Molihan minister.

Vaughn's Mill First Church of God, Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God, Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

West Bend Church of God, 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyant , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.

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Christian Fellowship Church of God, 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road, Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church, 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873

UNITED METHODIST

Clay City United Methodist, 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

Hardwicks Creek United Methodist, Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

Shiloh United Methodist, 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

West Bend United Methodist, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Harvestime Assembly 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Dr. Maurice Adams, 606-663-9990.

Seven Candles Holiness Pentecostal Church, Old Route 11, Montgomery Co., Wallace Boian, Min., Worship Service Thursday, 7 pm; Saturday, 7 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian, Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

OTHER

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770

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Full Gospel Church, 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse, Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Encouraging Word: A time to stop and think

Howard Coop
Guest Columnist

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When I was in grade school and high school, Feb. 22 was a national holiday commemorating the birthday of George Washington, one of the founding fathers and the first president of the United States of America.

On Oct. 3, 1789, President Washington issued a proclamation in

which he declared, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favour." Then, he declared that this "great and glorious Being," who he called Almighty God, "is the beneficent author of all

the good that was, that is, or that will be." Therefore, the citizens of the nation were called to "unite in rendering unto Him" their "sincere and humble thanks for His care and protection." He went on to call for the people to "unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord

and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions;---to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually."

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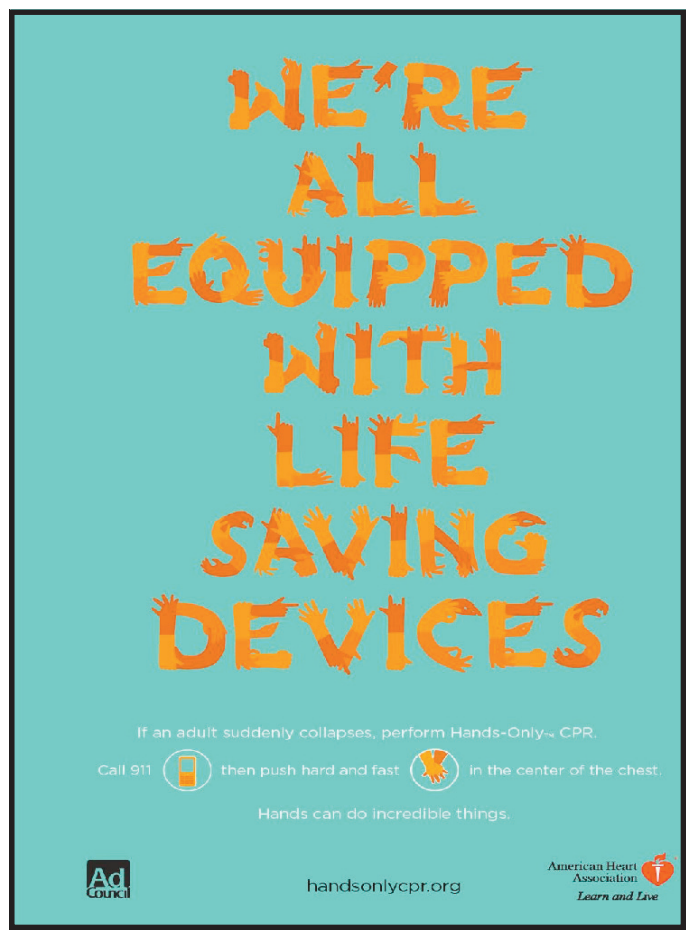
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Lovebird Challenge

Valentine's Day is a time for lovebirds, couples in love. Did you know, however, that there is an actual species of lovebirds? The small birds form strong bonds with both their mate and their owners. Here are some questions about lovebirds. How many can you answer correctly?

1) Lovebirds have been around for 100 or so years. ***Fact or Fiction?***
2) Lovebirds are a type of dove. ***Fact or Fiction?***
3) There are nine species of lovebirds. ***Fact or Fiction?***
4) Most species of lovebirds come from Africa. ***Fact or Fiction?***
5) Three species of lovebirds make good pets. ***Fact or Fiction?***
6) Lovebirds have green bodies. ***Fact or Fiction?***
7) Lovebirds have a blunt tail and a large beak. ***Fact or Fiction?***
8) Lovebirds live in large flocks. ***Fact or Fiction?***
9) Lovebirds eat mostly worms. ***Fact or Fiction?***
10) Lovebirds live 50 to 75 years. ***Fact or Fiction?***

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, lovebirds are a type of parrot, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, they are the peachfaced lovebird, the masked lovebird and Fischer's lovebird, 6) Fiction, some lovebirds have bodies in colors other than green, 7) Fact, 8) Fiction, they live in small flocks, 9) Fiction, they eat fruit, vegetables, grasses and seeds, 10) Fiction, lovebirds live 10 to 15 years

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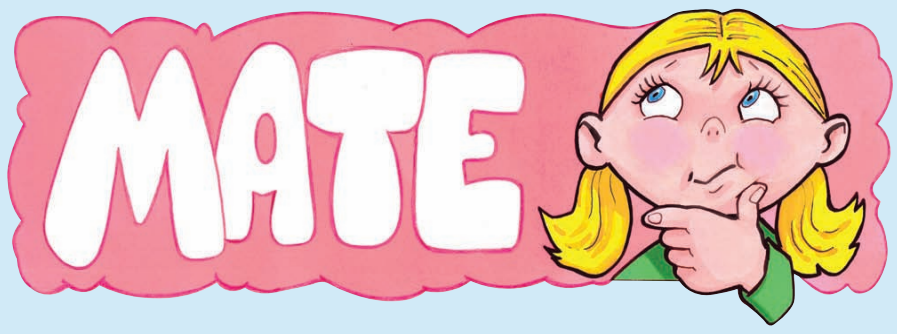

List 10 words that rhyme with "mate."

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7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____

Some answers: ate, bait, date, fate, gait, gate, hate, late, rate, wait

Jokes and Riddles

Q: What is a parrot's favorite game?

A: Hide and Speak.

Q: What fish go to heaven when they die?

A: Angelfish!

Name That Animal

Few animals mate for life. There are some that come close, though. Each of the following is one such animal. Fill in the blanks to name that animal.

1) G I _ _ O N

2) _ W A _

3) B L A _ _
V U L _ U _ E

4) _ U R _ L E _ O V E

5) F _ E N C _
A N _ E L _ I S H

6) P R A _ R I _ V _ L E

7) G _ A Y W O _ F

Answers: 1) Gibbon, 2) Swan, 3) Black Vulture, 4) Turtle Dove, 5) French Angelfish, 6) Prairie Vole, 7) Gray Wolf

Pirates oust Owsley, move on to championship game

By
GREG MCINTOSH
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Pirates had just completed the regular season winning their last two games heading toward the 56th District Tournament. Powell, the regular season district champion, faced Owsley County in the first round this past Monday at the Powell County High School. Powell had defeated the Owls both times during the regular season and looked for another victory over the Owls. The winner would play in the 56th District Championship game and be assured a spot in the 14th Regional Tournament as well.

Powell got the tip to start the game but missed on their first shot, Owsley got the ball inside to score the first basket of the game and take a 2-0 lead. That would be the Owls only lead of the game. Matt Pelfrey came down and nailed a three point basket to give the Pirates the lead. Powell extended their lead to as many as five points in the first quarter but the Owls would not give up. Owsley cut the lead to 17-15 at the end of the first quarter.

Powell began to dominate on the inside with Jacob Conner rebounding and Zach Dennis taking up space inside. Trey Marcum benefited from the inside play as the Pirates flashed the ball outside and he drilled two three pointers in the quarter. Powell began to pull away from the Owls, taking a 12 point lead with a minute to play in the first half. Owsley was able to score the final basket in the quarter and trailed the Pirates 36-26 at halftime.

The Pirates once again would build their lead to 16 points in the third quarter only to have the Owls fight back and stay within striking distance. All five of the Powell starters scored at least one basket in the third quarter, as Dennis and Austin Monnett had 11 points combined in the quarter. Powell just could not shake the tenacious Owls as Powell led 56-46 at the end of the third quarter.

The Pirates were one quarter away from reaching the championship game and Owsley would once again claw back in the game. With four minutes to play in the game Owsley hit a three pointer to cut the Pirate lead to 60-51. Powell would get the ball up the floor against the Owsley press but Conner had to save the ball back into play right to Owsley. The Powell big man hustled back and tipped the ball away for the steal.

Conner hit Monnett for what was going to be an easy lay up, but the Owsley County player tripped Monnett. Both teams had to be restrained by the referees and their coaches. After sorting the play out, an intentional foul was called and Monnett got two free throws. Powell also got the ball. The Pirates got a huge emotional boost and closed the door on the Owls for good.

Powell got the ball and spread the floor with three minutes to play, Marcum nailed a three and Powell led, 63-51. The Powell defense stepped up the pressure and got a steal and another basket by Pelfrey to increase the lead. Owsley hit a three but the Pirates got the ball to Monnett, who hit six straight free throws down the stretch to put the game out of reach. Powell won a hard fought game, 77-57 over Owsley County.

All five Pirates starters scored in double figures for the game, the first time all season. Powell was led in scoring by Marcum with 21 points. Marcum hit seven three pointers for the game. Pelfrey added 15 points and Monnett chipped in 14 points. Conner scored 12 points and added 14 rebounds for the Pirates. Dennis also had 11 points for the victorious Pirates. Joey Grove led the Owls with 19 points off the bench.

The Pirates record now stands at 18-12 for the season. Powell advances to the 56th District Championship game on Friday night against the winner of the Lee County - Estill County game. Game time will be 7 p.m. at the Powell County High School.

Times Photos by Whitney Cook

Jacob Conner eyes the basket as he faked an Owsley defender and tried to score. Connrer scored 12 points and pulled down 14 rebounds and Powell bounced Owsley out of the 56th District Tournament Monday night. In the bottom photo (left) Matt Pelfrey went in for a layup as Powell cruised to the 77-57 win.

Pirates beat Wolfe and Hazard

By
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The Powell County Pirates were going into the final week of the regular season having lost three games in a row for the first time all season.

With two quality opponents coming to Stanton to face the Pirates to end the regular season, Powell was in danger of losing two more games heading into the 56th District Tournament. The opponents last week were on Tuesday, the Wolfe County Wolves and on Friday, the Hazard Bulldogs.

Last Tuesday, Wolfe County was in town trying to defeat the Pirates on their home floor. Both team's offenses struggled in the first five minutes of the game. The score was tied at 7-7 then the Wolves hit two three pointers to take a 13-7 lead after the first quarter.

Powell in the second quarter began to use the inside game to take advantage of the smaller Wolfe County players.

Jacob Conner and Zach Dennis combined for 15 points in the second quarter, as the Pirates stormed back to take a 27-26 lead at halftime. The third quarter saw the lead go back and forth as the two teams traded baskets and steals. The score was tied in the quarter five different times and going into the final quarter it was tied again at 38-38.

The fourth quarter looked to be close right down to the wire. Both teams scored a basket to tie the game at 40-40. Powell then started to run the ball at the Wolves and Wolfe County looked tired trying to respond.

Trey Marcum hit two three pointers in a row for the Pirates to give Powell the lead. Wolfe County began to run as well but they missed five close shots in a row and the Pirates began to pull away leading by 10 points with three minutes to go in the game. Powell hit just enough of their free throws down the stretch and defeated the Wolves by the final scored of 66-53.

Marcum had 18 points to lead the Pirates and Matt Pelfrey added 15 points . Jacob Conner and Dennis both had double-doubles for the game to help the Pirates win the game.

Last Friday, the Pirates hosted Hazard on Senior Night. The Bulldogs in recent years had dominated the Pirates. Powell began the game with five seniors on the floor and the emotion helped the Pirates take an 18-12 lead after one quarter. The emotions finally ran out in the second quarter as Hazard used their bench to get the game close at 27-26 Powell at halftime. The third quarter saw the Pirates and Bulldogs each have runs to take the lead. Marcum and Dennis scored all but two of the Pirates' 18 points in the quarter. Powell led 45-43 with one quarter remaining.

The fourth quarter was close all the way to the end. Neither team could pull away from the other. With two minutes to go the score was tied at 55-55 and Powell had the ball. Pelfrey drove the ball to the basket and was fouled. He stepped to line at hit both free throws to give Powell the lead.

Hazard missed an inside shot and Powell got the rebound. Austin Monnett was fouled and hit one of two free throws to give the Pirates a three point lead.

After another Bulldog miss, Marcum was fouled and he buried both free throws. Hazard hit a quick basket and Powell played keep away with the ball. Hazard finally had to foul with time running out in the game. Marcum once again hit a pair of free throws to end the scoring.

The Pirates defeated Hazard by a score of 62-57. Marcum and Dennis each had 20 points in the Pirate victory.

Powell finished the regular season with a record of 17-12. This is the second winning season in a row for the Pirates. Powell hosted the 56th District Tournament this week. The Pirates played Owsley County in the first round on Monday.

Times Photos by James Cook

Above Powell's Tayor Atkinson scored an easy bucket as the Lady Pirates beat hazard last Friday night 69-60. Below, the Pirates Trey Marcum passed a soaring Wolfe County player to score as Powell beat Wolfe, 66-53.

Lets Go Powell !

Old time fun at the ballgame

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No better way to celebrate Senior Night than to have a few "seniors" on hand. Some of the students dressed up to celebrate last Friday. We do have one question, who is the oldest in this picture? Maybe the third person from the right?

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